

Transitional and Continued Coverage

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II. CONTINUED HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PROGRAM (CHCBP)

A. Background

The CHCBP was established by section 4408 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1993, P.L. 102-484. The CHCBP provides *transitional* health benefits coverage to members discharged or released from active duty or full-time National Guard duty, and certain unmarried dependent children and unremarried former spouses who lose their *TRICARE* eligibility. Eligible individuals must enroll through a third party administrator and pay premiums. Benefits under the CHCBP are *intended to model* the *TRICARE Standard Plan*. For more information regarding the CHCBP, refer to the *Policy Manual, Chapter 9, Section 13.1*.

B. Required *Contractor* Actions

All administrative actions (e.g., enrollment, collection of premiums, etc.) under the CHCBP are performed by the third party administrator. Enrolled beneficiaries will be identified as such on DEERS, and eligibility verification of CHCBP beneficiaries by the contractors is based solely on the appropriate DEERS response (*ADP Manual, Chapter 9*). When the *contractor* verifies eligibility through DEERS, the contractor is to process the claim.

